

REMARKS

Applicant ratifies the Examiner's Interview Summary of October 18, 2005. Applicant's attorney has no quarrel with the substance of the interview as expressed by the Examiner.

It is noted that Applicant's prior amendment to Claims 3 and 6 did not satisfactorily address the Examiner's concerns with respect to the allowable subject matter and Applicant has endeavored to make the claim allowable in the present amendment.

Claims 7 and 8, rejected on the reference to Linse have been cancelled in the instant amendment.

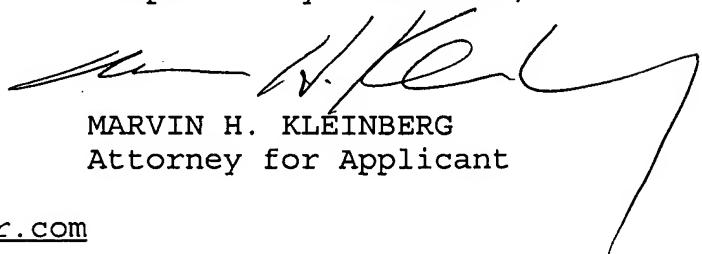
New claims 9 and 10 have been added. It is believed that the recitation of "clamping members" has distracted attention away from what applicant believes to be his invention, namely the combination of an apertured post with an apertured collar which allows an azimuthal orientation of the post relative to the collar. These claims are directed at the structure illustrated in Figures 3 and 4.

New claims 11 and 12 have been added and have the clamping members recited in the preamble. The inventive combination is now expressed in terms of a "base element" and a "coupling device". The plurality of second apertures around the circumference of the collar member allow for the azimuthal orientation of the accessory device. It is noted

that the patent to Linse fails to show the circumferentially arranged plurality of apertures in the collar member.

As presently amended, it is believed that claims 3 and 6 are now in condition for allowance. It is also believed that claims 9-12 are patentable over the references and may be deemed allowable, as well. Accordingly, an early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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